GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
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NEW ROUTES FOR INFILTRATION
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that Pakistan is using Chinese manufactured unmanned aeroplanes for finding new routes of infiltration as reported in Rashtriya Sahara dated May 21, 2001;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the specific steps being taken by the Government to check such activities to safeguard the borders?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI U.V. KRISHNAM RAJU)

(a) & (b): Pakistan is known to be in possession of the following Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs) of Chinese origin:

(i) ASN 105A - 06

(ii) ASN 206 - 06

These UAVs are used for tactical military reconnaissance and its linkage to infiltration cannot be ascertained.

(c) Adequate security measures have been undertaken to prevent such activities owing to security reasons it is not possible to give details of the specific steps being taken in this regard.